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## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

HEMERICK et al.

Application No.: 09/843,941

Filed: April 30, 2001

For: ENDOSCOPIC STENT DELIVERY  
SYSTEM AND METHOD

Group Art Unit: 3731

Examiner: Michael H. THALER

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

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Enclosed is a reply to the Office Action of October 11, 2002. The item(s) checked below are appropriate:

- ☐ Applicant(s) hereby petition(s) for a [number] month(s) extension of time to respond to the above Office Action. The fee of \$[Fee] for the Extension is enclosed.

The claims are calculated below:

	Claims Remaining After Amendment		Highest Number Previously Paid	Present Extra	Rate	Additional Fee
Total	46	-	46	0	x \$ 18	\$ 0
Indep.	12	-	4	8	x \$ 84	\$ 672.00
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Subtotal						\$ 672.00
Reduction by 1/2 if small entity						- 0
TOTAL						\$ 672.00

- ☒ A fee of \$672.00 to cover the cost of the additional independent claims added by this reply is enclosed.
- ☐ A fee of \$[Fee] to cover [Title of other paper(s)] is enclosed.
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Please grant any extensions of time required to enter this response and charge any additional required fees to our deposit account 06-0916.

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AMENDMENT

In reply to the Office Action dated October 11, 2002, the period for reply  
extending through January 11, 2003, please amend the application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claims 1, 5, 10, 13, 14, 19, 24, 29, 34, 39, 44, and 46 as follows:

--1. (Amended) A system for delivering a stent into an anatomical structure, the  
system comprising:

an outer tubular structure having a proximal end, a distal end, and a

translucent region at its distal end;

an inner elongated structure having a proximal end and a distal end, the

inner elongated structure being located within the outer tubular

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